November 10, 2026
Commissioner's Meeting
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 10th day of November 2026. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice, publication in the Schuyler Sun on November 5, 2026, and Colfax County's website. The availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board. Copies of the Open Meetings Act were made available to review. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The Chairman stated a copy of the Open Meeting Act statute is posted and available to the public.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the minutes of 10/27/2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance clerk provided the guidelines to the Board for their biennial review. Discuss, consider and/or take action regarding the changes to the guidelines will take place at the November 24th meeting.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees, Opioid Settlement Funds received, Nebraska Community Foundation 2026 annual report, and receipt of NIRMA's dividend check (no STOP Revenue received). NACO's Annual Conference is December 16th-18th in Kearney. Correspondence from Sons of American Legion Squadron #155 thanking the Board for the past several years in support of them taking care of Grove Hill Cemetery south of Howells. Village of Howells sent notice of public hearings for the Howells Planning Commission and Howells Board of Trustees for the proposal for annexation to the Village of Howells along with the annexation plat.

The Board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the District Court Clerk.

The Sheriff's October monthly report was provided to the Board and placed on file.

The Board received a copy of the October Public Defender report.

The Vet Service Officer provided his October Veteran Service Office report and November 3, 2026, claim reimbursement of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The 3rd quarter CASA reports were provided to the Board.

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank.

The Noxious Weed Control Plan, Infestation Report, Activity Report, Budget Report and Weed Control Authority Board Roster were provided to the Board for their review. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the chairman to sign the State Reports. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney reviewed the six Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) appeals with the Board and his recommendation is to have Edmond Talbot represent Colfax County on Case No. 26C 0464.

The County Attorney presented Resolution 11-10-2026(1) regarding Board Member Conflict of Interest which was reviewed at the October 27th meeting. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 11-10-2026(1) Board Member Conflict of Interest. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The hiring committee interviewed applicants for the County Attorney vacancy on October 20th, 21st and 26th and they gave their recommendation to the Board at the October 27th meeting. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to appoint Sara A. Sopinski as Colfax County Deputy County Attorney between December 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, and Colfax County Attorney starting January 1, 2027, and authorize the Chairman to sign the County Attorney contract on behalf of Colfax County. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer provided a copy of the distress warrant list as of November 1, 2026.

The Board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an "Agenda-less meeting."

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Motion Wendt; second Groteluesch en to enter executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the potential for ligation based on communication of a claim. Voting YES: Groteluesch en, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Groteluesch en to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:55 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Groteluesch en. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

The annual increase of the Law Enforcement Contracts with the City of Clarkson and Villages of Howells and Leigh were discussed. Per contract agreements the consideration for the law enforcement services shall be adjusted by using the Consumer Price Index for August established by Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor which is a 3.4 percent increase that will take effect December of 2026. The Sheriff will provide this information to the entities.

The Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County, the Counties of Dodge, Burt, Saunders, Cuming, and Washington, and the Cities of Dodge, Snyder, Scribner, Hooper, Uehling, Winslow, Nickerson, North Bend, Inglewood, and Fremont, establishing an enhanced 911 system to support emergency communications, is set to expire on December 31, 2026. Pursuant to the agreement, all participating parties are required to adopt and impose a surcharge of $1.00 per telephone line, per month, on all telephone lines within their respective jurisdictions.

Motion Mejstrik; second Groteluesch en to approve Resolution 11-10-26(2) that Colfax County will be a participating member of the Dodge County enhanced (E-911) emergency telephone communications system for landline E-911 services and authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for an Enhanced (E-911) Emergency Telephone System (Landline 911 Services). Voting YES: Wendt, Groteluesch en and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the (Mideast Region) Public Safety Answer Point (PSAP) Governing Boards Interlocal Cooperation Agreement which consists of the Nebraska State Patrol and the following counties, Dodge, Colfax, Burt and Cuming. This agreement is for all parties to share and provide the same 911 telephone infrastructure, known as Positron Viper. An amendment to this agreement will be presented at our November 24th meeting.

The Zoning Administrator provided a report of permits issued and informed the Board that the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulation are ready for the Boards approval. The Colfax County Planning Commission will meet on November 18th to conduct their public hearings. November 24th is when the Board will have their public hearings.

An amendment to the Flood Plain Consultant contract to include the following language: "Compensation shall not exceed $2,000 (two thousand dollars) in any one year, in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 49-14,102" was discussed. Motion Wendt; second Groteluesch en to amend the Flood Plain Consultant contract with Tremel Surveying Inc. to include "Not to exceed $2000 or more, in any one year. Voting YES: Groteluesch en, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on ongoing road and bridge projects. Bids for the purchase of a used motor grader, model year 2017–2020, are scheduled to be received and publicly opened on December 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Discussion, consideration, and/or take action regarding the bids will take place at 10:30 a.m. that same day.

The Board received a request from Dvorak Law Group representing property owners Scott E. Kroeger, Nancy M. Wolfe-Kroeger, and Christine L. Kroeger to obtain a Non-Exclusive Permanent Access Easement that would provide permanent access to their property located on a Platte River Island in the Platte River that is informally known as "School Island" via County Road 17.

Motion Groteluesch en; second Wendt to accept and approve the request for Non-Exclusive Permanent Access Easement along a portion of County Road 17 from property owners Scott E. Kroeger, Nancy M. Wolfe Kroeger and Cristine L. Kroeger and authorize the Chairman to sign the Non-Exclusive Permanent Access Easement. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Groteluesch en. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk summarized the day's agenda and action taken.

Motion Wendt; second Groteluesch en to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again November 24, 2026. Voting YES: Wendt, Groteluesch en and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, duly elected and qualified County Clerk of said county, do hereby state that the above minutes were recorded by me, are true and correct to my knowledge, are recorded in the Commissioners' Records and were completed for public inspection and publication on the 12th day of November 2026.

Rita M. Mundil

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